

**KGO-TV**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES  
AND  
RELATED PROGRAMMING**

**THIRD QUARTER - 2006**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING**

During the third quarter of 2006, KGO-TV aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as "ABC 7 News" with a total cumulative average of over 100 hours per month:

Monday - Friday	5:00-7:00AM
Monday - Friday	11:00-11:30AM
Monday - Friday	5:00-5:30PM
Monday - Friday	6:00-7:00PM
Monday - Sunday	11:00-11:35PM
Saturday / Sunday	6:00-7:00AM
Sunday	9:00-10:00AM / 9:00-9:30AM
Saturday / Sunday	5:00-5:30PM & 6:00-6:30PM

**During the third quarter of 2006, KGO-TV also aired the following regularly scheduled locally produced programming that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:**

**BEYOND THE HEADLINES-** This locally produced public affairs program consisted of a variety of subjects primarily dealing with issues related to the local community. The program's objective was to go "beyond the headlines" and explore critical issues facing the community. KGO-TV news anchors hosted this program that aired on Sunday from 10:00 to 10:30am.

**ASSIGNMENT 7-** This news compilation program repurposed and reviewed local news reports that covered significant community issues. These included in-depth Assignment 7 Reports, I-Team Investigations, Michael Finney's Seven On Your Side, and Doctor Dean Edell's Medical Reports. KGO-TV news anchors hosted this program that aired on Saturday and Sunday from 4:30-5:00pm.

**SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE-** Reporter Michael Finney headed this consumer affairs unit that provided consumer information / product recalls during local 5:00pm newscasts, and reviewed investigations / resolutions during 6:00pm newscasts. Office staff answered letters, e-mail and hotline telephone calls from viewers seeking help with a wide variety of consumer problems. On the average, the unit received over 4000 e-mails/ letters, and over 1500 phone calls per month.

**NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING AIRED ON KGO-DT 7.2-** KGO-DT 7.2, our secondary digital channel, is a locally programmed channel that featured local news, local specials, public affairs, syndicated programming, and encore segments from ABC News magazines. On the average, over 200 hours of local news aired monthly. Encores of locally produced public affairs programs accounted for over 100 hours monthly. Additionally, hundreds of public service announcements aired in commercial breaks between syndicated and off network programming.

## **LOCAL SPECIALS**

**During the third quarter of 2006, KGO-TV aired the following locally produced special that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:**

### **PROFILES OF EXCELLENCE:**

This encore program was part of a series of specials produced to celebrate the ethnic diversity of the Bay Area. This special saluted the achievements of five outstanding Asian/Pacific Islander Americans. It aired on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:00am, and on Sunday, September 3, 2006 from 10:00-10:30am.

## **SPONSORED EVENTS**

The following community events were featured on KGO-TV's "ABC7 Day Planner," the station's vehicle for sponsoring upcoming community events. Each of these thirty-second spots featured two to three events, and aired for two weeks on a fixed schedule.

### **7/1 – 7/14**

- SF Theater Festival (7/23/06) Vine Village (7/17/06)

### **7/15 – 7/28**

- Richmond Ermet AIDS Foundation (July 30, 2006) "Help is on the Way #12"
- Menlo Charity Horse Show (August) benefits Vista Center for the Blind

### **7/29 – 8/11**

- Friends of Faith Walk (August 12) benefits women living with breast cancer
- Day in the Park (8/27/06) Taylor Family Foundation

### **8/12 – 8/25**

- Fertile Hope (9/14/06) Race for the Cure, Susan G. Komen Fund (9/24)

### **8/26 – 9/8**

- UNCF Walkathon (9/16/06) United Negro College Fund
- Lorraine Hansberry Theatre 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv. (10/7/06)
- Ever Widening Circle (9/15) World Institute on Disability

### **9/9 – 9/22**

- Rock 'n Blues by the Lake (9/30/06) benefits Novato Public Schools
- OASES (10/5/06) Oakland Asian Students Educational Services

**(Sponsored Events cont.)**

**9/23 – 10/6**

- TNDC Pool Toss (10/17/06) Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Halloween Heroes (10/30/06) @ Wender Weis Foundation
- Grape Festival (10/7/06) Sunny Hills Services

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

During the third quarter of 2006, KGO-TV aired over 1,800 public service announcements in various time periods throughout the broadcast day that involved many different topics. These included in-house produced PSA's that aired 33 times. Some of the PSA sponsors included: National Bone Marrow Registry, USO, Partnership for a Drug-Free California, Lupus Foundation of America, Dolores Street Community Services, Dogs For the Deaf, Donors Choose.org, SF Department of Child Support, Boys & Girls Clubs, Earth Share California, Kids Get Healthy, United Way, California State Parks, Sewer Smart, Habitat For Humanity, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Alameda Naval Air Museum, San Francisco Police Officers Association, American Liver Foundation, Latino Community Foundation, Medic Alert Foundation, CEO Women, Girls Inc. of Alameda County, California Department of Insurance, U.S. Marines, and PTA.

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In addition to the local news and public affairs programs described in this report, KGO-TV carries all of the ABC Television news & public affairs programs listed and described in the report filed as "Network Programming."

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KGO-TV regularly surveys community leaders and organizations, and responds to these surveys. The station also regularly hosts community feedback meetings known as "ABC 7 Listens" at different Bay Area locations. Residents are invited to discuss, key issues, problems, needs and interests. Through these efforts we've determined that the following issues are important to the community:

- **Youth**
- **The Economy**
- **Environment**
- **Education**
- **Transportation**
- **Special Local News Reports**

Some of the station's most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages.

## **LOCAL PROGRAMS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS & NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **YOUTH**

#### **THE VIEW FROM THE BAY**

Date/Time: September 19, 2006 (3:00-4:00PM)

Length: 5:00, 5:00

Subject:

This segment covered the Space 2006 Conference in San Jose where kids got a hands-on chance to experience the latest that science had to offer. It was a chance for kids to see the many different ways they could have a future career in science.

In another segment, a 17 year-old film maker from Oakland's Skyline High School was profiled. The subjects of her films tackled the issue of body image, and challenged her peers on how they looked at themselves and others.

#### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: July 19, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:53

Subject:

This report covered a meeting of East Bay political and community leaders to find ways to stop the wave of violence affecting their communities. State Senator Don Perata was motivated to call the meeting following the shooting death of an aspiring 14 year-old football player. Joining the government officials were representatives of several organizations dedicated to youth mentoring, job training, after school activities, and stopping violence on youth. They all agreed that funding was a major hurdle preventing their groups from doing more.

**(Youth cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 19, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:55

Subject:

This report profiled a youth center in San Jose that was trying to engage at-risk youth before the gangs did. The low income neighborhood was well known for gang activity. The youth center focused on showing the teens a life beyond the streets. The activities offered included everything from handball and dance to excursions to the snow or river rafting.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 8, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 2:23

Subject:

This report explained that product marketers were beginning to aggressively target younger elementary school age children with adult like products. Businesses realized that kids this age wanted to emulate their parents more than ever before. But the line between children's toys and grown-up gifts was becoming increasingly blurred with mp3 players, cell phones, and other portable electronics. Some cell phone companies were targeting children five years of age. Psychologists said treating children like adults could form bad habits, and one of the most common mistakes parents made was to treat children like miniature adults.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 26, 2006 (11:00-11:35PM)

Length: 1:36

Subject:

This report followed Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies as one of their 17 year-old youth cadets served as an underage decoy. The cadet approached a pizza parlor to purchase alcohol and was turned away by the manager. But deputies explained that there were too many merchants in the county that sold alcohol and tobacco to minors. Underage decoys said they worked undercover for the deputies to prevent others from being hurt.

**(Youth cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 3, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:47

Subject:

This report looked at a summer basketball program that helped youth in the Bay View Hunter's Point district stay off the street. This was one of San Francisco's toughest neighborhoods where gang activity and violence had destroyed the lives of many young men. The coach worked hard to keep his players on track and in the game. Organizers said hundreds of kids participated in the program where they found safe haven since it began six years before. The program relied mainly on volunteers including parents.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 3, 2006 (6:00-7:00AM)

Length: 1:22

Subject:

This report reviewed a study that found license restrictions for teenage drivers had worked to save lives. Strict conditions such as a waiting period, supervised training, limited night driving, and passenger restrictions reduced fatal crashes by 21%. Traffic accidents were the leading cause of death for teens. Some experts argued that sixteen was the worst age to get a license. They said eye/hand coordination and other fine motor skills were less adept in the middle of a teen's growth spurt.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 15, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: :41

Subject:

This report discussed that about one-third of American children were at risk for being overweight. Poor eating habits were part of the problem, but lack of exercise was mostly the problem. The American Heart Association wanted schools to get students moving by having them get 30 minutes of daily vigorous exercise. They published a list of nine recommendations that asked schools to make America's youth more fit.



## **THE ECONOMY**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: July 7, 2006 (6:00-7:00AM)

Length: :28

Subject:

This report explained that Silicon Valley's high tech giant Hewlett Packard was starting a four year program to cut its real estate costs. But the Palo Alto based company hadn't decided which offices would be closed, or how much it would save from the plan. It was part of a one billion dollar cost cutting effort announced two months earlier. HP trimmed more than 8,000 jobs over the previous year.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: September 4, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report followed Phil Angelides, the Democratic nominee for Governor as he joined Alameda County labor leaders at their annual Labor Day Picnic. He discussed the minimum wage bill signed by the governor, but also pointed out that the governor vetoed it twice before. Mr. Angelides talked about protecting jobs, creating more jobs, and creating more revenue to fund education. He described his campaign for governor as fighting for the middle class.

### **ASSIGNMENT 7**

Date/Time: July 16, 2006 (4:30-5:00PM)

Length: 3:28

Subject:

This report explained that the Bay Area Economic Forum was concerned that high local home prices would drive the best and the brightest away to more affordable areas. The growing fear was that this would cause a "brain drain" on the Bay Area, and create a void of innovative engineers and technical people. A UC Berkeley professor was worried that high home prices would lead to an erosion of the Bay Area's economic competitiveness. In contrast, one high tech startup company said that it didn't have any problems finding talent.

**(The Economy cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 30, 2006 (9:00-10:00AM)

Length: 1:54

Subject:

This report discovered that very few people had applied for affordable housing at a South San Francisco condo development. 70 of the 280 units were set aside for below market rate housing for people who qualified. The program administrator that helped the applicants get credit-ready said some people believed they either couldn't afford the monthly payments, or thought they couldn't meet the requirements.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: September 4, 2006 (6:25-6:30AM)

Length: :40

Subject:

This report detailed a study that showed productivity and corporate profits were up, but workers in California and across the country were not earning more. U.C. Berkeley's Center for Labor Research and Education found wages for California workers remained stagnant while pay throughout the nation failed to keep up with inflation. The report found corporate profits increased by 12.5% between 2004 and 2005. Wages in California increased 0.4% in 2005.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 3, 2006 (11:00-11:30AM)

Length: :24

Subject:

This report reviewed a study that found veterans returning home from the war in Iraq were having a difficult time finding employment. This was especially evident among young veterans. One in five said it took six months or longer to find work, and one in ten reported it took more than a year. The unemployment rate for veterans between ages 20 to 24 was three times the national average. The study also said one in five veterans were unemployed.

**(The Economy cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 13, 2006 (9:00-10:00AM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report showed how the San Francisco Food Bank was starting to receive “about-to-expire” perishable foods from some local grocery stores. The stores used to toss the expiring products. They were also the most nutritious, and the hardest products for food banks to acquire. The program was also helping the city reach its goal of 75% waste diversion by 2010.

THE VIEW FROM THE BAY

Date/Time: September 18, 2006 (3:00-4:00PM)

Length: 5:00

Subject:

This segment featured ABC 7 News consumer reporter Michael Finney. He reviewed whether the Bay Area housing boom had ended, or if it was still a good time to invest in buying a home. The discussion also included whether there was a better time of year to sell a home, and how much the neighborhood or its location would affect the listing. Tips were provided on how to get the most money out of a property, and what to do to get a home ready before putting it on the market for sale.

## **THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: July 20, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: :41

Subject:

This report reviewed the debate over whether or not to dismantle the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Yosemite Park in order to restore the valley to its natural state. It was flooded in 1923 to provide water for San Francisco. The state department of water resources said restoration was feasible, but would cost upwards of ten billion dollars. Most of the cost would be to replace the water system. Critics said the report proved restoration would be too expensive. Environmentalists said it could be done.

### **THE VIEW FROM THE BAY**

Date/Time: September 13, 2006 (3:00-4:00PM)

Length: 5:00

Subject:

This live, in-studio "Flex Your Power Segment" featured UC Berkeley Professor Dan Kammen. He explained how people can save the environment and at the same time save money doing it. He talked about global warming, and how alternative energy sources such as solar power, and energy friendly appliances help the environment. The discussion included examples of how individuals could incorporate energy saving concepts into their lives everyday.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: August 31, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: 1:35

Subject:

This report covered the signing of California's landmark global warming bill. The governor reached a deal with Democratic leaders after weeks of negotiations. It required the state's major industries such as oil and gas refineries, and power plants to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases by 25% by 2020. This made California the first state to impose such reductions. The Western States Petroleum Association feared the bill would hurt the economy.

**(The Environment cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 12, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: :27

Subject:

This report explained that the governor asked the federal government to prohibit roads on California's national forest land. He was acting under a federal regulation adopted to allow states to petition Washington to prevent roads on the land. While the environmentalists supported the governor's move, they pointed out that there had been no petitions to build roads on the land in question.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 21, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:50

Subject:

This report profiled a car rental company that was starting to build a fleet of hybrid cars. They had 100 hybrids in their fleet at the San Jose airport, and could not keep up with demand. Hybrids were hard to get from auto companies, and were not available at fleet prices to big rental car companies. But smaller companies could buy them one at a time at retail knowing they could recoup their losses with high demand. They also could get federal grants as part of a program to educate consumers.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 25, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: :32

Subject:

This report showed that the city of San Jose had just finished removing lead-tainted soil from eight back yards near Watson Park. The city closed the park two years earlier after soil samples taken for a construction project showed lead and other toxins. The area was part of an old dump site, and some homeowners wanted to expand testing beyond the original eight homes. The city council was expected to vote to pay for that voluntary testing.

**(The Environment cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 28, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report reviewed how the Trust for Public Land had just completed an eight year project to create a state beach in Santa Cruz. A developer had planned to build 600 homes on the property before the trust intervened. The goal of the trust was to keep the connection between land and people. This included negotiations with landowners, purchasing the land, and then turning it over to the government or another non-profit.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 14, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 3:15

Subject:

This report looked into the U.S. Forest Service's new experimental forest, the Sage Hen Forest in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The designation meant science and research would get priority over all other activities in the area. The forest service increased the size of the Sage Hen Forest from 400 to 8,000 acres. The stunning meadows, rich marsh land, mountain creeks, and huge expanse of forest had drawn scientists to the area for many years.

## **EDUCATION**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: August 23, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: 1:57

Subject:

This report reviewed reaction to a national report that found charter school students scored lower in reading and math vs. public schools. Math and reading scores were studied from 150 charter schools and over 6,000 public schools across the country. The department of education cautioned that the results could vary from state to state. That is why the California Charter Schools Association cited twelve California studies that showed charter schools did a better job of improving student achievement.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: August 16, 2006 (5:00 -5:30PM)

Length: 1:48

Subject:

This report reviewed a state bill to mandate bilingual textbooks in classrooms. The governor announced that he was against the bill, and often retold the story of immigrating to America with limited English skills. He said that officials should make a real effort to make students from foreign countries learn English as quickly as possible. He believed that it would make them improve their grades. His opposition was a blow to supporters who wanted to raise the achievement scores of Latino students that were learning English.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: September 16, 2006 (6:00-7:00AM)

Length: 1:28

Subject:

This report covered the first day that an elementary school in Pleasanton started using solar energy to power one of its buildings. This was the first step toward becoming the first school district in the state to go all solar within 18 months. A \$50,000 grant would allow each school to appoint a solar coach to oversee the conversion and teach students how to use solar energy. The school district projected a savings of \$1,000,000 annually in energy costs by 2008.

**(Education cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 31, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 2:40

Subject:

This report covered the announcement that Oakland's American Indian Charter School had received one of the highest performance scores in the state. Among middle school students, this charter school outperformed Piedmont Middle School that for years was the leader in Alameda County. Both schools were remarkably different. According to the state, there were 156 socio-economically disadvantaged students at American Indian School, and there were zero at Piedmont Middle School.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: September 7, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:50

Subject:

This report showed how some Contra Costa County school districts had cracked down on residency fraud. No longer was a phone bill or just a driver's license enough as proof, but rather, three different proofs of residency were necessary. Some families would rent homes inside the district they wanted their children to attend just to get the legal address. Others even offered to pay for a residence's yearly electric bill in exchange for use of the address.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: September 16, 2006 (4:30-5:00PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report followed the new head of Oakland's public schools as she began her first day on the job. She beat several candidates from around the nation for the job. The state schools chief commented that her experience would enable her to continue many of the successful reforms already in place. Oakland had become the most academically improved district in the state. There was still the issue of how to pay back the \$100 million dollar state loan used to bail out the school district in 2003. Board members were opposed to selling the nine acre site of the district headquarters to help pay down the loan by some \$60 million dollars.



**(Education cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 21, 2006 (5:00-5:30PM)

Length: 1:50

Subject:

This report explained how on-line teaching had become an option for many families. The California Virtual Academies Program was an on-line public school program for grades K-10. It offered students a chance to learn at their own pace, and made sure they knew the material before moving on. The goal of the program was to eventually add grades 11 and 12 to the nearly 4,000 students served in the state. This type of school required a parent or a teaching adult to be at home with the student at all times.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: September 17, 2006 (9:00-10:00AM)

Length: 2:10

Subject:

This report showed how some schools in California were finding innovative ways to raise money. A school in Watsonville was selling raffle tickets at \$150 each for a chance to win a \$1.8 million dollar home, or \$1.5 million in cash. The school's goal was to collect \$4.8 million dollars to pay for a new campus, and more educational opportunities for students.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: August 24, 2006 (5:00-6:00AM)

Length: :45

Subject:

This report discussed an AC Transit plan to provide wireless access on its buses traveling the cross-bay routes linking the East Bay to the city and peninsula. The goal was to stay competitive and perhaps more appealing than transit agencies that didn't yet offer wireless like BART and MUNI. The Wi-Fi program would be funded by state transportation money. AC would become the first public bus system in Northern California to offer passengers wireless access.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: July 19, 2006 (11:00–11:35PM)

Length: 1:35

Subject:

This report discussed that rider-ship on all Bay Area mass transit systems had increased by +10% during the three prior spare the air days. Ferry service saw a +200% jump in passengers, or an increase from 2,000 to 7,000 riders. Some regular commuters on the heavier traveled later runs were turned away on the previous spare the air day. As a result, both ferry systems planned to add additional boats on spare the air days.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: July 21, 2006 (6:00–7:00AM)

Length: :29

Subject:

This report announced that Bay Area transit agencies would not offer any more "Spare the Air Days" without additional government funding. This was on the second of back to back "Spare the Air Days." Authorities could declare "Spare the Air Days" when the weather was hot, with little wind that caused a buildup of unhealthy ozone. BART rider-ship was up over +8% on the previous "Spare the Air Day." An extra 28,000 riders took advantage of free rides during the morning commute alone.

**(Transportation cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 6, 2006 (11:00-11:30AM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report explained what was behind BART delays that occurred two days straight on tracks between Daly City and Colma. A switching problem forced train operators to run on slower manual operation rather than the faster automatic. This created system wide delays that affected thousands of commuters including people heading for the airport.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 17, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report reviewed suggestions to help relieve traffic congestion in the tri-valley area along interstate 580 through the Altamont Pass. The acting U.S. Secretary of Transportation attended a round table discussion with local political and business leaders to consider ways to fix the problem. She said that all ideas must be considered, such as expanding mass transit, having more companies offer work from home programs, and widening the interstate. A congressman from Tracy suggested a new freeway between San Jose and the central valley.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 22, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 2:08

Subject:

This report discussed Sonoma County's Measure R that called for a ¼ cent sales tax increase to pay for a new commuter rail system. Former U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta stumped for the proposed Sonoma Marin Area Rail or Smart Train. The rails were already in place next to Highway 101 through the defunct Northwestern Pacific Railway. Supporters said it would remove 5300 cars from congested Highway 101 and improve air quality. One third of the \$387 million dollars in funding had been secured from state and federal sources.

**(Transportation cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 30, 2006 (6:00-7:00PM)

Length: 1:01

Subject:

This report reviewed a report by the U.S. Census Bureau that found average commute times were getting shorter around the country. San Francisco was ranked 17<sup>th</sup> behind New York among major metro areas, while Stockton ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among suburban areas. The report also found that in the previous six years, the percentage of carpoolers was down, the number of people driving alone to work was up 77%, and people using mass transit was the same.

## **SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS**

ABC 7 News provided several in-depth reports that examined a variety of issues important to the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Market. These are examples:

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: September 18, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 4:31

Subject:

This investigative report exposed a college professor who allegedly scammed hundreds of thousands of dollars from deaf people. This was the second that a local professor had been accused of this type of scam. Two years earlier his good friend was investigated by law enforcement agencies, but they couldn't prove he had profited from the scam. As a result of this report, the San Mateo County D.A.'s office began investigating suspect number two, and the FBI added him to their investigation of the first case. A sign language interpreter was recorded for this story in order to post the translation on the KGO-TV website.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: August 25, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 2:22

Subject:

This investigative report reviewed the case of a radical Pakistani cleric and founder of an academy of charter schools. She was sentenced to 14 years in prison after being convicted on several counts that included siphoning funds away from the schools. The cleric and 300 followers started the schools and an online store to sell the writings of a terrorist sheik. The U.S. Department of State listed him as a terrorist tied to dozens of crimes across the country. The cleric said she was innocent of the charges and would appeal.

### **ABC 7 NEWS**

Date/Time: September 1, 2006 (11:00 – 11:35PM)

Length: 3:45

Subject:

This report reviewed the case of a journalist held in civil contempt for refusing to surrender a video he made of a San Francisco protest. As anarchists marched against the G-8 summit, they allegedly blocked streets, broke windows, tried to burn a police car, and clubbed a police officer on the head. The journalist refused to give video outtakes to a federal grand jury, was sent to prison, and released 31

days later. He appealed the contempt order and was waiting for a ruling.

**(Special News Reports cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: September 11, 2006 (6:18 – 7:00PM)

Length: 2:40

Subject:

This report reviewed the City of San Francisco's disaster preparedness program on the anniversary of 9/11. The board of supervisors called a hearing into the city's disaster planning. The director of the OES missed the meeting to make an appearance with the mayor as he touted the city's preparations for disaster. A management audit and a grand jury investigation were highly critical of the OES director's performance. The mayor then appointed a new head of emergency communications to oversee OES.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: September 20, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 2:56

Subject:

This report reviewed a state bill that could give consumers new protection against unauthorized charges on their phone bills. Phone companies could no longer assume that calls made on a stolen phone were made by the consumer. An industry trade group said the bill went one step too far by requiring a consumer rights notice in every phone bill. But the telecommunications industry maintained that the bill was unnecessary since the PUC would address these issues.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: September 14, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 2:59

Subject:

This report profiled a group for ex-offenders called "All Of Us Or None." They chose to refer to the people in their group as "formerly incarcerated" rather than as ex-cons or ex-offenders. Their main objective was to secure rights that they believed were necessary to fully reenter society. One member explained that turning lives around started with the language used to define a person formerly incarcerated. That is why a top priority of this group was to ban the box on applications that asked if you've been convicted of a crime.

**(Special News Reports cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: July 24, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 4:22

Subject:

This investigative report revealed that the man filling in as the executive director the San Francisco's Taxi Commission was a convicted burglar. As a cab driver he burglarized a passenger's apartment after he dropped her off at a theatre. But his attorney had his record cleared after he was convicted. Records showed he had other legal problems including a grand larceny conviction that his wages were being garnished for. He was hired by his longtime roommate, and the former executive director of the taxi commission who was fired. Cab drivers debated whether the acting director's criminal past mattered in his present job.

ABC 7 NEWS

Date/Time: August 31, 2006 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 2:16

Subject:

This report discussed that the IRS was about to transfer over 12,000 delinquent tax files to a collection agency. They could earn up to 24 cents on the dollar from recovered money. Opponents argued that this would create too much incentive for the agencies to use aggressive collection tactics. A consumer group said that while deadbeat corporations cost the IRS tens of billions of dollars annually, the IRS focused on sending private debt collection firms after ordinary tax payers. But under the plan, collection agencies could set up installment plans, couldn't tack on additional fees, and couldn't negotiate offers in compromise.